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UP CLOSE &
PERSONAL

THE ADMIRAL

Favorite food:

A "galleon" of rocky road ice cream

Favorite basketball player:

David "the Admiral" Robinson

Favorite football team: The Buccaneers

Favorite song: Row, Row, Row Your Boat

The admiral of the Imperial Armada is one of the toughest sea dogs to sail the seven seas.

Everyone calls him "the Admiral" because no one knows what his name is. He was marooned on a desert island when he was a baby and found by some Islanders. Ever since then, he's been a sailor.

The Admiral wears his super shiny armor everywhere, even in the tub. It just takes him awhile to scrub the rust stains off his neck.

His favorite tub toy is #6289 Red Beard's Runner. "I like to practice sinking his ship," says the Admiral.

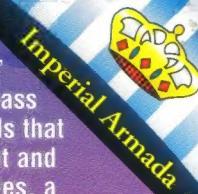
The Admiral is a real sports fan. He especially likes to hang out with his friends the Islanders and play soccer. In the islands, they use coconuts for balls and palm trees for goals. "My scores aren't too good, but we sure eat well after the game," he says.

Hey, Kids. Help give my friend, the Admiral a name. See the contest on the back page to place your vote.

#6280

Armada Flagship

Look at all this seafarin' stuff — a working compass and steering wheel, sails that hoist up and down, a net and crane to crank up supplies, a swiveling cannon, and a collapsible mast that falls down during battle!



The Admiral's crew voted him best dressed in a shiny chrome vest.

Hoist sails up and down!



A working compass helps point you in the right direction!

Hand over the Islander gold, Red Beard, or walk the plank!



FOR SOME SEAFARIN' FUN!

#6289 Red Beard Runner

Hoist the sails! This mighty pirate ship is loaded and ready for the toughest sea battles. When the mast collapses on to the deck, just pop it back up and you won't be shipwrecked. If the skull hull gets rammed and starts to break away, the crew can snap it back and save the day. Beware of the secret winch and net —Red Beard uses them to load all the treasure (and prisoners) he can get.

PIRATES



Keep Skull Cave a secret — push the tooth to make skull face swivel — look what's inside!



Push the catapult and watch Skully do the "Volcano Vault!"

Pull the pin to drop the mast!

Hoist sails up and down!

A working compass on board!

#6248 Volcano Island

Although Volcano diving may not be an official Olympic sport, it's pretty popular on Volcano Island. Skully's hidden the treasure so well that he can spend his days diving instead of guarding the treasure. Check out his latest dive, "Volcano Vault!"

Skull hull breaks away and then you can save the ship by snapping it back into place!

Hoist treasure with crane to keep it safe!

Secret Jail

Hidden catapult sends treasure stealer sailing!

George, is that you?

You don't scare me, ah...what is your name anyway?

#6232 Skeleton Crew

#6296 Shipwreck Island

This treasure island is so much fun, that all the pirates just flip over it. One wrong step could send you sailing through the air, hoisted in a net, or a crocodile's lunch.

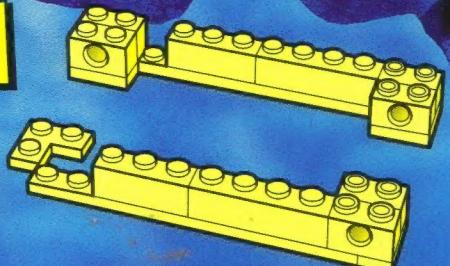




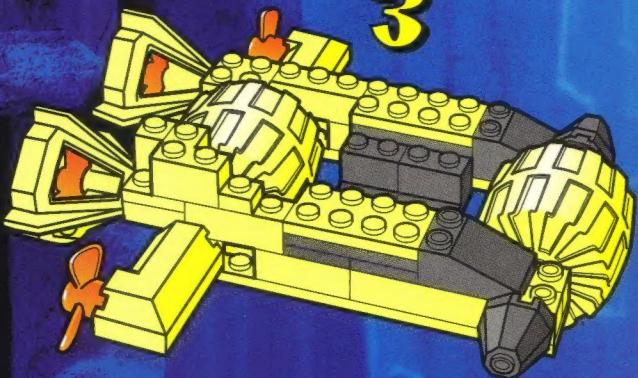
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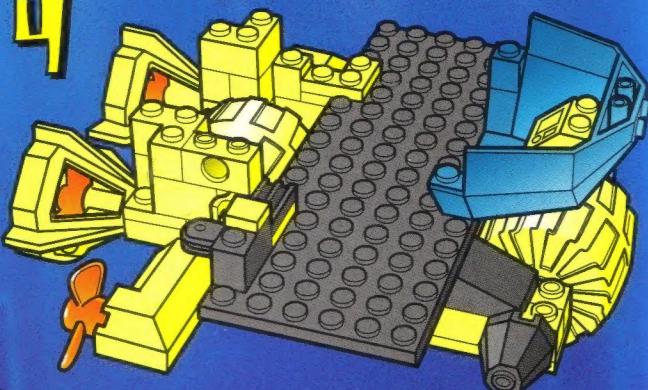
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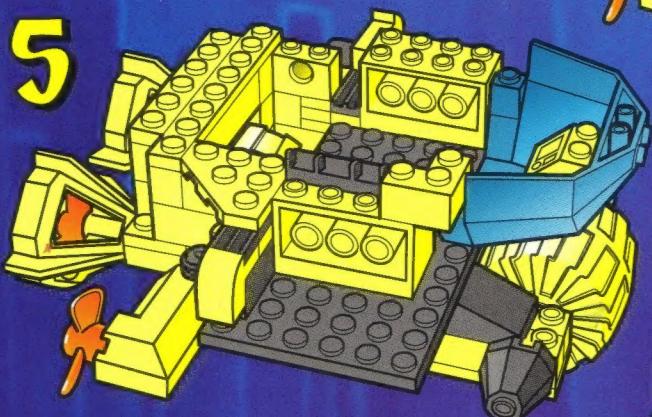
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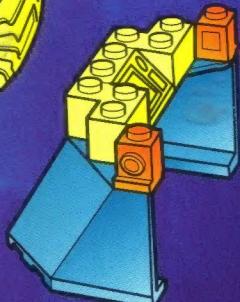
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You can
cruise down the
crookedest street
here.



Use pieces from
#1728 Crystal Crawler
and #6175 Crystal
Explorer Sub or pieces
from your own LEGO
collection to create
your own Aqua 5!

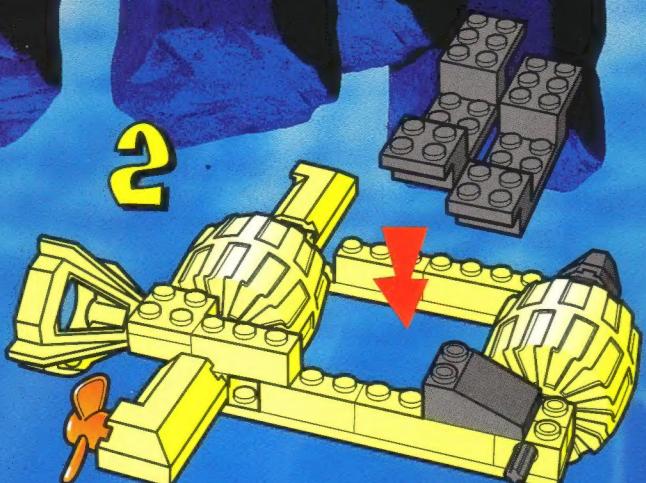
The Building Challenge

Send a photo of your own
original LEGO Time Machine
by May 15, 1996 to:

LEGO Time Machine Challenge
P.O. Box 1308
Enfield, CT 06083-1308

Look for photos of the top entries in an
upcoming issue of MANIA Magazine.
Club members featured will receive
a free LEGO set of their choice (\$100 value)





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Take the Aqua 5 out
for a spin -- search
the ocean floor for
precious crystals!

Aqua 5

Caley Carson, Age 12 of
Colorado inspired this Cool
Creation -- Aqua 5

Hey Caley --
Thanks for the
cool logo design!



Use the FREE Playscape in #1728 to
create your own ocean bottom.
There are lots of cool crevices to
hide crystals from the Aquasharks.

How does an
Aquashark tie
his shoes?

With
Aqua-knots.



Feature Story

EXPLORER FRANCIS DRAKE —AROUND THE WORLD IN 1095 DAYS?

It's a good thing Francis Drake became a sailor. He didn't live on land very much. He was born around 1540, and when he was eight, his father moved the family onto an abandoned boat. By the time he was 17, Francis was captain of his own ship. He probably didn't mind getting away from home — he had 11 brothers!

In his lifetime, Drake was a hero and a pirate, depending on which country you ask. In 1580, he became the second explorer to sail around the world. And in 1588, he helped the English navy defeat the Spanish Armada. Join Drake in his adventures around the world. Just follow his stops on the map.



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4 1579: Drake stopped near California to repair the ship. He stayed a month visiting with the local Indians.

Sailing with the Armada



Pretend you're Francis Drake living in England about 400 years ago. Coming toward you is a fleet of 130 sailing ships...the Spanish Armada!

The Armada made an awesome sight as it sailed toward England in 1588. At that time England and Spain were fighting each other. An Armada warship, or galleon, looked a lot like the #6280 Imperial Armada Flagship. The galleons' hulls were painted in bright colors, there were carved decorations on the ships, and big red crosses filled the sails.

The ships carried spare masts and sails because these were the parts of ships that were damaged the most. The masts were made from big trees and couldn't just be snapped back in place like those on the #6280 Imperial Armada Flagship. During a battle, men rushed to repair



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damage to the ship's hull. They used canvas and tar to patch holes. Repairing a #6289 Red Beard Runner is much easier — you just pop the hull back in place.

A Spanish Armada galleon could fire 50-pound cannonballs as far as five football fields (500 yards). The Spanish fired over 123,000 cannonballs at the English galleons without seriously damaging one ship! Their cannonballs were defective.



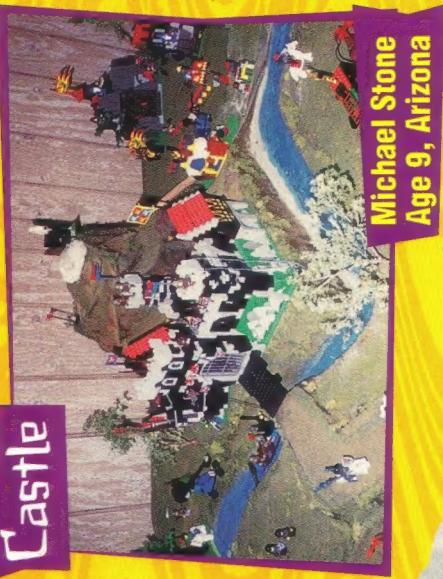
Because the English ships could shoot cannonballs 700 yards, the English tried to sink the Spanish galleons from far away. But from that distance, their lightweight cannonballs just bounced off the Spanish ships. Of the 130 ships in the Armada, about half returned to Spain. But only one ship was sunk by English cannons. The rest were abandoned, wrecked by storms, or damaged from crashing into other ships.

What was it like aboard the Armada during the long voyage from Spain to England?

Stinky. To save water the crew didn't wash themselves or their clothes for two months!



Drake was so leashed by the Spanish that during the battle with the Armada, Drake captured one ship just by asking it to surrender! The galleon had lost its main mast, and even though it had over 40 cannons and 300 men, it surrendered without firing a shot.



Castle

Michael Stone
Age 9, Arizona

Dilophosaurus

Robert Wall
Age 13, Illinois

Statue of
Liberty

Alex Czarnecki
Age 7, California

Your
mother
was
right!

SEND A PHOTO OF
YOUR MODEL TO:

Maniac
Madness

“Spitter”
“Spitter”

Remember to write your name,
address, age and model name on
the back of the photo. Pictures
will not be returned, so take an
extra photo for yourself!

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Mike Maneechoote
Age 9, Illinois
“Live”

Timothy Schumacher
Age 4, Illinois
“Chickenzord”

Hey kid, let
go of me!

Sparky’s
Doghouse

Becky Freeman
Age 8, California



This is not
helping me
at all...

Check out the crowd surfer, he's nuts!



Ships Ahoy

Kate, Ryan & Neal Herring
Ages 8, 12 & 5, Alabama

Universe Discovery

Gear reduction makes Sparky's door open & close!

Sun Cruiser

Solar Powered

Thomas Stokes
Age 5, Maryland

Lee Chern
California

It's Huge!

Golden Gate Bridge Tower

Matys, this bridge, tis' a clug

Parma
Sean
LaFeet

Ben & Becky Whitcomb
Vermont

Ben & Becky used solar panels to power the propeller on their "Sun Cruiser"! They're so bright.

Spaceship

Clement Beaumont
Age 7, New York

I was the "Helper!"

"HOLLY JOLLY HOLiDAY HELPER CONTEST WINNERS November/December MANIA Magazine

Robbie Cochrane, Washington, Age 6
David Bulman, New Jersey, Age 10
Adam Boyle, Vermont, Age 13
Jin Ding Cheung, New York, Age 12
Patrick Steen, Kansas, Age 10
Sam Marcello, Indiana, Age 10
Tyler Andrew Jackson, Ohio, Age 11
Erik Krebs, New York, Age 8
Ching-Shih Yang, Texas, Age 10
Chris Soto, Texas, Age 9

COOL CREATIONS

For Kids
By Kids

Experience real off-roading action. You'll find all the pieces you need to build the Rad Racing Rig in #1821 Rally Racers, or use pieces from your own LEGO collection.



Create an off-roading race course with the ramp and free race plate in #1821 Rally Racers or create your own, like member, Nathan Ray, of New York. He used roof pieces and a baseplate to create an awesome motorcycle stunt course!

The Rad Racing RIG



You Could be
President
of LEGO!

Enter the LEGO President for
A Day Sweepstakes at your
local Wal-Mart Store
from March 15th to
April 15th, 1996

Hurry!
Sweepstakes entries
must be received by
May 1, 1996.



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#6856 Planetary Decoder



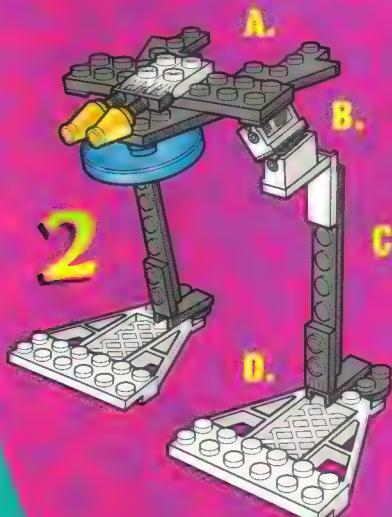
#6854 Alien Fossilizer

Sweepstakes

Space Walker

Our sources tell us that Beau Hesterberg of Texas is working for the Explorians. His latest creation — Space Walker — is a super f-i-e-x-t-b-i-e clue seeker and decoder. Use pieces from #6854 Alien Fossilizer and #6856 Planetary Decoder or pieces from your own LEGO collection to create your own Space Walker!

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Add special tan (tan) Technic piece for your super-clue decoder's headotracks.

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Build the Space Walker's head.



This decoding will make your legs look very because its flexible legs can bend to just about any direction.

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Practice taking your first steps and start searching for clues to decode!

The Grand Prize includes:

- A \$1,000 LEGO Shopping Spree at Wal-Mart
- An all expense paid trip for 4 to our U.S. Headquarters where you'll get to see some top secret new LEGO sets, hang out with the LEGO model designers and see how life-size LEGO models are made, inspect the super secret LEGO factory, and get interviewed for MANIA Magazine!

See Sweepstakes entry form at Wal-Mart Stores for more details. Entry forms available from March 15-April 15, 1996.

How does an Explorian hold up his pants?

With an Asteroid Belt!

To use the answer, use a blue Explorian decoding lens.

Your design could be featured in Cool Creations. Send your original model-making instructions to:

LEGO Club, "Cool Creations"
P.O. Box 1308
Enfield, CT 06083-1308

Club members featured will receive a free LEGO set of their choice (\$100 value)



the Adventures of the LEGO Maniac



PUT YER BACKS INTO IT YA SWABS! WE'RE GOING TO GET OUR GOLD BACK FROM THE IMPERIAL ARMADA.









Technic



Just Crank It!

Protective Roll Bar!



Turn the knob on top to steer your Buggy over tough terrain!



The new #8230 Police Buggy chases crooks, over any terrain. And thanks to its rack and pinion steering, turns will be super smooth and in control.

What's rack and pinion steering, you say? Here's the real deal. See that knob on top of the Buggy. That steers the front wheels. But not right away. **A** First it cranks the axle connected to the wheels. **B** The axle cranks a gear connected to that bar with the teeth on it. **C** The bar then turns the wheels. Actually, it's a lot easier to do than to explain, so just crank it and cruise!

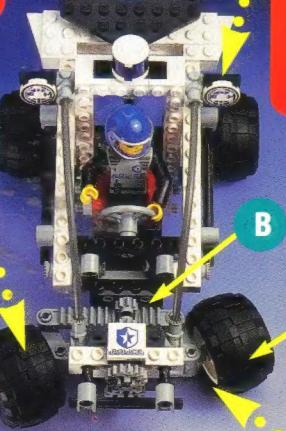
Building Instructions for 2 Cool Vehicles!



Moveable headlights tilt into just the right position.



Air-filled, off-roading tires make even the roughest bumps a breeze!



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Motorize the alternate model with #8720 Power Pack!

Real Rack and Pinion Steering!

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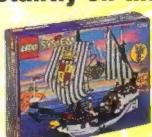


#6289 Red Beard Runner

Redeem at your local toy store through 5/31/96

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#6280 Armada Flagship

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#6296 Shipwreck Island

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#6248 Volcano Island

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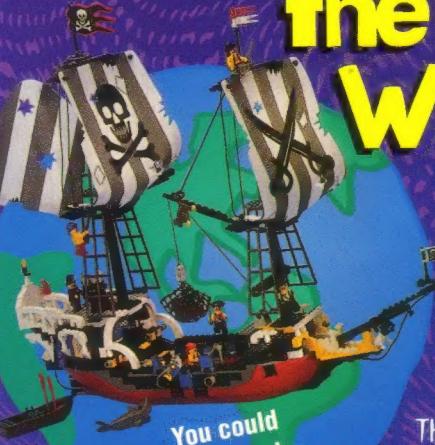
Travel the World & WIN a Prize!

Can you figure out the name of the U.S. city that Drake visited on his trip around the world? To get you started, flip to page 6 where you'll find a map of Drake's trip. Then look throughout the magazine for pirates with more clues about this famous modern-day city. Good sailing!

The first 10 randomly selected entries with the correct answer will win a LEGO set of their choice (up to \$100 value).

Winners will be notified by mail by June 21, 1996.

You could
WIN this set --
#6289



How to Enter:

Just fill in the contest entry form. Cut it out and mail it by May 27, 1996 to:

Travel the World Contest

LEGO MANIA Magazine

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Members Only!

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Winners of the
November/December '95
contest are on Page 9.

Entries must be postmarked by May 27, 1996 and received by May 31, 1996. Winners will be notified by mail. Offer void where prohibited or restricted by law. Employees of LEGO Systems, Inc. and members of their immediate families are not eligible to participate. Entries will be judged by LEGO Systems, Inc. on the basis of accuracy. ©1996 LEGO Group.

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Travel the World Contest Entry Form

On his trip around the world, Sir Francis Drake
stopped near this city in the United States:

Fill in your answer here

Just for fun...Name the Admiral! Help us pick a name for the Admiral of the #6280 Imperial Armada. Look over his "Up Close and Personal" biography on page 2 and vote for the name that you think fits him best. (Or write a name on the blank if you think of a better one.)
I think the Imperial Armada's Admiral should be called: (Please circle one)

A) Billy Cannonball Cordoba B) Don Diego de LEGO C) _____

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Check your name and address.
Make corrections if necessary.